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I. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time for reply to the Office Action of February 20, 2008. Applicant includes herewith a petition for the extension and the appropriate fee therefor. It is believed the fees are as per the fee
5 schedule and that no other fees are due, however authorization is hereby provided to revise the attached credit card form to provide a corrected fee amount if required for the extension or any other required fees.